(e) Continuous upgradation of tourism infrastructure in the country and strengthening of marketing efforts in the overseas markets are the steps being taken to increase the tourist inflow to the country every year.

Commissioning of Opencast Coal Mine at Sonepur Bazari 'A'

214. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether commissioning of opencast coal mine of Sonepur Bazari 'A' has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the extent of cost overrun on account of the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) The Sonepur Bazari 'A' opencast project of Eastern Coalfields Limited was sanctioned by the Government in July, 1985 at a capital cost of Rs. 192.96 crores. The implementation of the project has suffered on account of problems of land acquisition and associated issues related to rehabilitation of land oustees. After protracted dialogue with the Government of West Bengal the land was made available to ECL in November, 1990 and work on the project has now started. The Revised Cost Estimates of the project is no placed at Rs. 453.91 crores. The project is no expected to achieve its rated production of 3 m.t.p.a. by March, 1997.

Production of Washed Coal

215. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the month-wise production of washed coal during 1990-91 by each of the subsidiaries of the Coal India Limited indicating targets and actuals;

(b) whether there has been shortfalls in production from targets ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shortfalls and the steps taken for improving production ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c) Following are the reasons for shortfall in production of washed coal during 1990-91 :—

(i) Shortage and frequent trippings of power in the Eastern Region. The power supply was disrupted on 25th-26th June, 1990 as a result of a serious failure in the eastern grid. Power supply position continued to remain unsatisfactory till about October, 1990. The situation got worsened due to incessant rains during that period. After improvement in power supply position, the production started picking up from November, 1990 onwards.

(ii) Frequent stoppage of work due to law and order problems created by bandhs, anti-reservation and other agitations.

Steps taken for improving the production are as under :—

(i) Constant monitoring of power supply position and close coordination between CEA, Eastern Regional Electricity Board, DVC, NTPC, BSEB and CIL with a view to supply power to coal companies on priority.

(ii) A programme of segregation of power supply feeders to coal mines has been taken up and coking coal washeries are now receiving power through direct feeders from DVC.

(iii) Additional Supply of power to the DVC system from northern grid and Orissa.

(iv) Continuous operation of small captive power supply units available with the coal companies and setting up of more captive power plants.

STATEMENT

Month-wise washed coal production in subsidiaries of Coal India Limited during 1990-91

(million tonnes)

Month	BCCL		CCL		WCL		TOTAL	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
April . .	0.35	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.03	0.03	0.69	0.66
May . .	0.39	0.31	0.31	0.34	0.02	0.02	0.72	0.67
June . .	0.38	0.29	0.33	0.34	0.02	0.02	0.73	0.65
July . .	0.38	0.27	0.32	0.29	0.03	0.03	0.73	0.59
August . .	0.38	0.27	0.33	0.32	0.03	0.03	0.74	0.62
Sept. . .	0.37	0.27	0.31	0.32	0.03	0.03	0.71	0.62
Oct. . .	0.42	0.27	0.34	0.31	0.02	0.03	0.78	0.61
Nov. . .	0.42	0.30	0.37	0.34	0.03	0.03	0.82	0.67
Dec. . .	0.44	0.32	0.38	0.38	0.03	0.04	0.85	0.74
Jan. . .	0.44	0.37	0.38	0.41	0.04	0.04	0.86	0.82
Feb. . .	0.41	0.34	0.37	6.43	0.03	0.03	0.81	0.80
March . .	0.44	0.38	0.48	0.50	0.03	0.04	0.95	0.92
TOTAL .	4.82	3.69	4.23	4.31	0.34	0.37	9.39	8.37

Implementation of Koel-Karo Hydel Electric Project

216. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the cost overrun and time overrun in the execution of Koel-Karo Hydel Electric Project;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in the implementation of the project and

(c) whether the investment in this project will be commensurate with power requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY